



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME
COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://fishandgame.lacountycommissions.info>**

Thursday, April 14, 2016

6:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-2048)

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Present: Chair John Hybarger, Commissioner John C. Conroy and Vice Chair Lee Wax

Excused: Commissioner Greg Bombard and Commissioner James W. Etter

Call to Order. (16-1095)

Chair Hybarger called the meeting to order by at 6:30 p.m. and noted the lack of a quorum.

Commissioner John C. Conroy joined the meeting at 7:51 p.m., establishing a quorum.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the January 14, 2016 Minutes. (16-1096)

On motion of Vice Chair Lee Wax, seconded by Commissioner John C. Conroy, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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2. Review of the Fish and Game Commission's Propagation Fund Summary of Income, Expenditures, and Fund Balance Report, ending March 31, 2016 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (16-1097)

Staff reported that the Fish and Game Commission Propagation Fund Balance Report as of March 31, 2016 is 74,334.70.

On motion of Vice Chair Wax, seconded by Commissioner John C. Conroy, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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3. Review of the Fish and Game Commission's Trust Fund Reconciliation Report, ending March 31, 2016 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (16-1098)

Staff reported that the Fish and Game Commission's Trust Fund Balance Report for the month of March 31, 2016 remains at \$6,513.99.

On motion of Commissioner John C. Conroy, seconded by Vice Chair Lee Wax, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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4. Recommendation to receive and file correspondence from the State of California Fish and Game Commission and Department of Fish and Wildlife - Wildlife Conservation Board:

Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action relative to:

- Notice of Proposed Emergency Action - Close all Fishing in the Sacramento River from 650 below Keswick Dam to the Highway 44 Bridge to Protect Endangered Winter-Run Chinook Salmon
- Notice of Proposed Emergency Action - Incidental Take of Tricolored Blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*) During Candidacy Period
- Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action - Amending Sections 190 and 195, Title 14, California Code of Regulations relative to Fishing Activity Records and CPFV Logbooks
- 15 Day Notice of California Notice Register 2016, No.2-Z, Z-2015-1228-03 Re: Mammal Regulations for the 2016-2017 Seasons
- Notice of Findings Re: California Fish and Game Commission, accepted for Consideration the Petition Submitted to list The Humboldt Marten as an Endangered Species
- Notice of Availability of Negative declaration for Proposed Amendments to Central Valley Salmon Sport Fishing regulations, Title 14, California Code of Regulations
- Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action - Subsection (b)(91.1) of section 7.50, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Relative to Lower Klamath River Basin Sport Fishing
- Notice of Proposal for a 90 Day Extension of Emergency Action - Measures for Fisheries at Risk Due to Drought Conditions (16-1100)

On motion of Vice Chair Lee Wax, seconded by Commissioner John C. Conroy and unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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5. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the First Supervisorial District in the amount of \$2,500 to purchase fish to stock the Santa Fe Dam Lake for the Moonlight Fishing Program scheduled to be held during the 2016 calendar year. (Continued from the meeting of January 14, 2016) (16-1969)

Mr. Steve Evans, Lake Lifeguard Supervisor, Santa Fe Dam, thanked the Commission for their past support and presented a grant request for the "Moonlight Fishing" event.

After the review and discussion of the grant request, on motion of Vice Chair Lee Wax, seconded by Commissioner John C. Conroy, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the grant request from First Supervisorial District in the amount of \$2,500 to host the "Moonlight Fishing Program."

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6. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains in the amount of \$2,870 to purchase equipment that will assist in collection of detailed thermal profile of the Los Angeles River Watershed to better understand major limiting factors for Freshwater fish in the Basin temperature. (16-2007)

Ms. Lizzy Montgomery, Biologist, Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSM), provided an overview of the processes and studies that the RCDSM will conduct in respect to collection of data relating to thermal profile of the Los Angeles River relative to freshwater fish. She stated that the data would greatly assist in the restoration of river creeks and certain fish eco-systems. She also stated that if the Commission approved the grant request it would allow the RCDSM to purchase ten temperature sensors that would be placed in different areas of the river. She further stated that It is a two year project and data would be collected continuously for up to a year and RCDSM would produce bi-annual reports

Chair Hybarger stated that the Commission would like the RCDSM to provide updates to the Commission at least once every six-months during the two-year period.

Ms. Montgomery answered questions posed by the Commission.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner John C. Conroy, seconded by Vice Chair Lee Wax, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the grant request in the amount of \$2,870.

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7. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains in the amount of \$850 to purchase a new microscope with camera that will assist in categorizing local benthic fauna. (16-2008)

Ms. Lizzy Montgomery, Biologist, Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSM), provided a brief overview of the studies produce at their Benthic Fauna lab and the benefits of purchasing a new microscope. The purchase of the microscopes will allow them to perform a higher level analysis; gain a better understanding of the water quality; bio diversity; and aquatic health of the Los Angeles creeks. The microscopes will include a digital camera that will allow them to share images with the public, carry out public outreach on aquatic bio diversity, invertebrate conservation and watershed health. The microscopes will also include cover replacement lights and storage binds to organize sample bios collected throughout the years.

Ms. Montgomery answered questions posed by the Commission.

After discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Lee Wax, seconded by Commissioner John C. Conroy and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the grant request in the amount of \$850.

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II. REPORTS

8. Chairperson's report on various items for April 14, 2016. (16-1101)

Chair Hybarger reported that the 2016 annual San Gabriel Mountain Bighorn Sheep Survey was carried out by over 100 volunteers, March 5-6, 2016. For the third consecutive year, stormy weather presented challenges and limited the number of bighorn sighted. Volunteers observed a total of 19 bighorn sheep. He also reported that he will be attending the State of California Fish and Wildlife "Big Game Management" conference, scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 28, 2016 in Sacramento, CA. He further reported that Eric Sklar will be retiring from the State of California Fish and Game Commission at the end of April 2016.

Chair Hybarger concluded by stating that the Commission received favorable responses from the Southern Counties Fish and Game Commissions, expressing interest in attending the 2016 Fall Conference for the Southern California Counties Fish and Game Commissions.

9. Commissioners' Report on various items for April 14, 2016. (16-1895)

Vice Chair Wax reported that the water level at Castaic lake has increased. Fishing conditions remains sporadic.

III. DISCUSSION

10. Discussion regarding the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission exploring whether or not it is permissible to seek government grants. (16-1891)

Staff was directed to reach out to County Counsel for feedback to the Commission's desire to seek other sources for grants and funding.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

11. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-1102)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address items on the special meeting agenda. (16-1103)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

13. Adjournment for the meeting of April 14, 2016. (16-1104)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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